

Strykers prepare for the IED threat

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, partnered with Counter-IED Fusion Cell Soldiers and instructors, here, March 20, to train on the latest in counter-improvised explosive device techniques, tactics and procedures (TTPs).

“The training we’re doing today is counter-IED TTPs,” said Staff Sgt. Isaac Strother, battalion master gunner, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Inf. Regiment, 2nd SBCT. “There are mock IEDs placed on the lane, and we’re responsible for finding and neutralizing the threat they present.”

IEDs are the No. 1 killer of Soldiers around the world. Ensuring our Soldiers are prepared to mitigate that threat is essential in ensuring the continued safety of our troops.

“This training deals with the mitigation of the IED threat,” said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Madison, a senior instructor with the U.S. Army Pacific Command Counter-IED Fusion Center. “The goal is to better prepare Soldiers to identify the threat prior to reaching the danger.”

According to Madison, the program is designed to change the way Soldiers approach IED threats.

“As combat arms, we’re primarily trained in react-to-combat and force-on-force situations. This training helps to shift that mindset to a more preventative posture,” Madison explained.

One way Soldiers make that shift is to use various TTPs and devices to aid them in defeating the IED threat.

“We are pulling information from various sources, such as enemy techniques that have been observed in theatre,” said Madison. “We then incorporate that information into the training.”

Most of the equipment is designed to detect a threat without directly interacting with it.

Once the possibility of a threat is identified, Soldiers employ multiple devices to counter them, said Madison.

“We are training the Soldiers to think like the enemy, so they are better equipped to identify vulnerable areas as they come to them,” Madison said. “The whole premise behind this class is to look at the ground signs and be more situationally aware to find the threat and not just rely on the technology we have available.”

As with most Army training programs, this course is train-the-trainer. Soldiers who complete the course are expected to return to their units and implement similar training for the rest of their unit.

“IEDs are the biggest killers in theatre,” said Strother. “The more people who are trained in dealing with this threat, the more lives we’re going to save. It’s pretty important.”

“When these Soldiers are done with this training, they are assigned to their units as the counter-IED specialists,” Madison added. “They will then set up training for the rest of their unit to ensure everyone is more capable of defeating this type of threat.”

“Being a dismounted counter-IED trainer isn’t very helpful if you aren’t training anyone,” Strother said. “So, the more Soldiers you set up lanes for and train on the TTPs, the more lives it will save in the long run.”



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Madison, a senior instructor with the U.S. Army Pacific Command Counter-IED Fusion Center, uses a military metal detector to search for possible IED threats during dismounted counter-IED training, March 20.



Junior Raiders of 3-4th Cav., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, crawl under an obstacle during the Junior Spur Ride, March 21. (Photo by Sgt. Brian Erickson, 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division)

Cavalry keiki earn their spurs

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The troops stood no more than 4 feet tall, with camouflage painted over smiles and the fierce look of determination. They stood poised with colorful rubber “hand grenades” filled with water, ready to take on the assault course and defeat the bad guys.

More than 70 children of the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, “Raiders,” 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, took the Junior Spur Ride challenge at F Quad, here, March 21, with the help of their parents.

“One of our most important traditions in the Cavalry is the Spur Ride, a tradition that goes way back and is a mark of excellence for cavalrymen,” said Lt. Col. David Zinn, commander, 3-4th Cav. Regt.

The Spur Ride dates back to the beginning of the Cavalry and is the only means of joining the Order of the Spur, aside from a wartime induction.

The conduct of a Spur Ride varies, but the event is generally held over multiple days, during which a Trooper must pass a series of physical and mental tests relevant to the Cavalry.

The Junior Raiders went through events similar to tradition as their parents once did to earn their spurs.

“We wanted to give the kids an opportunity to go through some of the things their moms and dads get to go through here, from tasting MREs to seeing the vehicles to (putting on camouflage) during the events,” said Capt. Gary Bostic, plans officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3-4th Cav.



Soldiers of 3-4th Cav., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, help Junior Raiders conduct an assault through an obstacle using toy water guns as part of the Junior Spur Ride. (Photo by 1st Lt. Garrett Nash, 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division)

Warriors gain hands-on work experience

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FORT SHAFTER — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District (USACE-HD) has developed working relationships with the Warrior Transition Battalion, based at Schofield Barracks, and the Marine Wounded Warrior Detachment, based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The mission of these organizations is to transition warriors and families from injury, illness or disease to duty or veteran status.

When service members become wounded, ill or injured, they often face a major change in their career trajectory. While approximately 50 percent return to their military careers, many separate from service and begin a new career in the civilian workforce.

The District supports wounded warrior programs by allowing service members to gain valuable experience through working as volunteers as they transition back into either military or civilian life.

“It’s a win-win situation for all parties involved,” said Maj. Sally Hannan, deputy commander, USACE-HD. “Wounded warriors gain valuable work experience with the District in a professional business setting, while the District benefits from

the additional disciplined and dedicated work ethic of the service members.”

Most recently, the District welcomed Marine Staff Sgt. Don Choi to the Technical Integration Branch (TIB) and Spc. Dave Balisican to the Schofield Barracks Resident Office.

Both wounded warriors were placed in job fields based on their experience and areas of interest.

Choi communicated to District leadership an interest in geospatial technology and mapping and was able to work side-by-side with the Geographical Information Systems team in the TIB, where he learned how to create computer-aided design and compose construction drawings.

Balisican worked in the field with District project engineers and managers at Schofield Barracks, assisting with managing military construction projects in direct support to local combatant commanders.

“Spc. Balisican has been an integral member of our quality assurance team on the \$38 million Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility on Schofield Barracks,” said Darren Carpenter, resident engineer for the District’s Stryker Resident Office at Schofield Barracks.

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HI Legislature honors fallen war heroes

Nineteen families receive Hawaii Medal of Honor at joint legislative session

HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
News Release

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Senate and Hawaii State House of Representatives held a special joint session in the Senate Chambers, here, Wednesday, to recognize military service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

During the session, the families of fallen heroes all received the Hawaii Medal of Honor on behalf of their loved ones.

In 2005, Act 21 was signed into law, which created the Hawaii Medal of Honor (HMOH). This special medal is awarded on behalf of the people of the State of Hawaii to an individual who was killed in action while serving as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Recipients of the medal include members of the United Armed Forces, the United States Military Reserves and the Hawaii National Guard who were res-

idents of the State of Hawaii, attended an educational institution in Hawaii or were stationed in Hawaii by order of the Department of Defense.

As of Dec. 31, 2012, Hawaii has lost 327 service members with Hawaii ties who sacrificed their lives while in the line of duty.

"The effort to identify those eligible for the medal has taken many months," said Rep. K. Mark Takai. "Working with all the branches of the military, we worked extremely hard to identify each service member who sacrificed their lives."

2013 Recipients

The list of the 2013 Hawaii Medal of Honor recipients was compiled by the Office of Rep. K. Mark Takai and is current as of Dec. 31, 2012. Army names are listed below.

Sgt. Richard Essex
Sgt. Luis Oliver Galbreath
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brian Hornsby
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas Johnson

The primary next of kin and the families for each service member were invited to attend the joint session, during which time they were presented with the HMOH.

"In offering the Hawaii Medal of Honor to those who will gather here, in memory of those who have fallen, we recognize that they are part of us, part of our ohana," Takai said. "The medal guarantees that they will never be forgotten. I hope that the children of these heroes will one day appreciate the sacrifices that their fathers and their mothers made on behalf of all of us."

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Suresh Krause
Sgt. Sapuro Nena
1st Lt. Clovis Ray
Sgt. Dean Shaffer
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Don Viray
Sgt. Chris Workman

For more details on service members identified, contact Lisa Vargas at 586-8455 or reptakai@capitol.hawaii.gov.

BACK TO BASICS

Senior leaders use technology to help Soldiers

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The Army has embraced technology as the pathway to the future.

For example, a doctrine overhaul has been and continues to be conducted to make Army publications accessible on mobile phones.

The new publications are called ADPs (Army Doctrine Publications), of which most have fewer than 200 pages and contain the "meat" of the corresponding field manual or Army regulation publications that are not accessible without a CAC (Common Access Card).

As a senior noncommissioned officer, a part of get "back to the basics" is instilling the knowledge contained in field manuals and Army regulations into new Soldiers, and I think that this "evolution" is just the right way to encourage young Soldiers to get familiar with Army standards in a way that they are used to learning new information.

In order to adapt to the innovative ways that Soldiers learn during these times, the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command has implemented a 90-day Check-Ride Program for all new Soldiers.

The program requires first-line supervisors to go down a checklist of basic tasks that the Soldiers must perform to standard. They must also review publications that their new Soldiers must be acquainted with, in not only hard-copy versions, but also the ADPs via their cell phones.

One of the tasks that must be performed from the checklist is marking ADPs as "favorites" in the Soldiers' application browser on their cell phones. We have discovered that this action increases the young Soldiers' confidence when testing them on their knowledge of the information in the field.

As the 94th AAMDC continues to support garrison operations, Soldiers will have the knowledge of books accessible right at their fingertips. This factor is pertinent when conducting skill-level training, Warrior Tasks and battle drills training, or even drill and ceremony tasks such as flag detail and funeral detail.

Some leaders have questioned the use of cell phones as being a distraction or because a new Soldier may not have access to a smartphone. Here at the 94th AAMDC, we have not encountered that situation since the program was implemented in 2011.

The 94th AAMDC has embraced the world of technology; it is just another method of empowering Soldiers to become knowledgeable of the Army's basic doctrine.

Soldiers are the Army's future leaders, and technology is the future.



Murphy

5 STEPS in FAITH

Easter signals start of new beginnings

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JEFF HERDEN

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A funny story is told of squirrels that invaded three churches in England.

As the story goes, the vicars had tried everything in their power to remove the squirrels.

After a great deal of prayer, the churchwardens of the first church determined that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will? Naturally, the squirrels continued to multiply.

The second church's wardens also decided that they could not harm any of God's creatures, so they purchased some humane traps, caught the miscreants and set the squirrels free outside of town in the New Forest. Several days later, the squirrels returned, much to the parish council's dismay.

It was only the third church, Holy Trinity, that succeeded in keeping the intruders away. The vicar baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now, they only see the squirrels at Christmas and Easter.

This humorous story highlights the common occurrence of much higher attendance numbers in places of Christian worship during special holy days, like Easter.

So what is it about Easter that seems to summon some devotion, even from the ranks of the uncommitted? Simply put, Easter Sunday, on the heels of Good Friday, commemorates two of the holiest events in the history of the world, according to the



Herden

Bible.

Good Friday is celebrated by Christian worshippers in remembrance of Jesus Christ's sufferings and death for the forgiveness of sins, which occurred on a Friday early in the first century.

As the story is told in the gospel accounts of the New Testament, on the first day of the week following his death, Jesus Christ rose from the dead and appeared to his closest disciples. Over the next 40 days, he appeared to more than 500 eyewitnesses. Since then, he continues to be worshipped by Christians as the risen Savior who conquered sin and death on their behalf.

Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Protestant churches have different points of emphasis and traditions that have developed over the centuries in their observance of this celebration. Yet, all welcome the opportunity to proclaim the resurrection of Christ to all who fill their pews, no matter how often they come.

For Christians, it is appropriate for this holy day to occur in the springtime. The weather warms, the ground thaws, gardens are planted, harvests are prepared, and for many, a sense of hope for a better future is kindled. This newfound hope lies at the heart of the Christian message to a watching world.

The Apostle Peter said it this way, as recorded in his letter found in the New Testament: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

In a world filled with chaos and confusion, that living hope is more vital than ever, and still lives and marches on, bringing comfort and strength to new hearts and souls.

May this be the year that you and many more encounter that living hope.

REGIMENTAL AWARDS



GUAM — Sturgis Award nominee Staff Sgt. Charles Worley (front right), a squad leader for 643rd Horizontal Engineer Company, 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, briefs Maj. Gen. Stephen Lyons (front left), commander, 8th TSC, on the Polaris Point Water Tanker Storage Project site, here.

Read more on Worley and other 8th TSC Soldiers nominated for various regimental awards within the Army engineer community in the April 5 issue of the "Hawaii Army Weekly." (Photo by 2nd Lt. Carolyn Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command)

Voices of Ohana

Easter is March 31.

"What is your favorite Easter tradition?"

Photos by 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs



"My favorite Easter tradition is going to my grandparents' house, then to church as a family and having lunch."

Spc. Joseph Biener
Video teleconference technician, 8th TSC



"Making colored eggs with my family."

Pfc. Shan Casey
G6 help desk, 8th TSC



"Having Easter brunch with my family, and even though my kids are older, we still like to color eggs."

Debbie Chambrella
Secretary to the commander, 8th TSC



"My favorite Easter tradition is Easter egg hunts with my nieces and nephews."

Capt. Vincent Doctor
Facilities engineer, 8th TSC



"My favorite Easter tradition is some dark chocolate and a glass of red wine."

Sgt. 1st Class Scott Miller
Anti-terrorism NCO, 8th TSC

PTA

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA

Well tests for fresh water at PTA

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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — A 6,400-foot-deep test water well is being drilled, here, in a first step to determine if the high-altitude base and its surrounding communities could be sustained by their own water supply.

“This project has applicability well beyond supporting the Army’s needs; it can benefit the entire Saddle region,” said Lt. Col Eric Shwedo, base commander.

He added that this project could include properties owned by Hawaiian Homelands, as preliminary research has found potential well sites at both PTA and Hawaiian Homelands areas.

“The main problem is our inability to access water,” said Leimana Damate, Hawaiian Homes

PTA on a daily basis, which is expensive and time consuming,” Shwedo said. “If the test well is successful, it could pave the way for production wells to be dug in the area.”

Damate noted that water has also been a challenge for ranchers in the region, who also truck in water.

The PTA test well, which began this month, is an initiative between the Army’s Corps of Engineers and the Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit (CESO), a national consortium of federal agencies, state and local governments, tribes and academic institutions.

In this case, PTA is partnered through CESO with the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

“We estimate the test well will take three-four months to drill,” said Dr. Donald Thomas, who was selected to head up the project.

A noted geologist on the island of Hawaii,



A 6,400-foot-deep test water well currently is being drilled at PTA to determine if the high-altitude base and its surrounding areas could be sustained by their own supply of fresh water.



Kahu Daniel Akaka (center) blesses the test water well site as Lt. Col. Eric Shwedo (left), commander, PTA, and Dr. Donald Thomas, UH Hilo project lead, respectfully look on. (Photos by Shiela Yangilmau, Pohakuloa Training Area Public Affairs)

commissioner for West Hawaii. “We’re excited about this test well’s research for possible water in the Humuula area.”

She said if the data provided by this test proves out, Hawaiian Homelands could potentially go straight to drilling a water production well, if eventual funding could be procured.

“The Army gives the Hawaiian people hope,” Damate said.

“The potential benefit for the Army is that we would no longer have to truck water up to

with expertise studying volcano and subsurface phenomena, Thomas is excited about this effort.

“We hope (the well) will give us a more complete picture of the hydrology along the Saddle region,” he said. “There is great scientific value in learning what lies beneath us in this area, as much is unknown.”

Thomas said the well will reach a depth of sea level and test the feasibility of providing fresh water to both the Army and others in the

region.

“The well will tell us at what depth we might find a sustainable and quality water source,” he said.

According to Thomas, a significant freshwater supply lies beneath the island, near sea level, and is refilled on a continual basis through rainfall.

Some of this fresh water finds its way into the ocean far beneath the surface, but the high volume of island rains keep the underground freshwater reservoirs full.

“PTA conducted an environmental assessment prior to the test and is adhering to all environmental and regulatory requirements,” Shwedo said. “There were no significant concerns found regarding sensitive biological resources at or near the site.

“If we’re successful,” Shwedo added, “this test can have an overarching importance on the Saddle region.”

DOD announces fewer furlough days

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WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has revised the number of days hundreds of thousands of civilian employees could be furloughed this year because of the budget sequester from 22 to 14, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced, Thursday.

In addition, a senior Defense Department official speaking on background told reporters the start of the furloughs will be delayed until mid- to late June, after more than 700,000 department employees receive furlough notices now set to go out in early May.

Furloughs would happen over seven two-week pay periods until the end of September, when the current fiscal year ends, the senior official said, with employees likely to be told not to come to work for two days during each of those pay periods.

Officials say they are still working to determine which employees might be exempted.

Hagel characterized the reduced furloughs as well as a revised estimate of sequestration’s impact on the defense budget as good news.

The changes follow Congressional approval last week of a defense appropriations bill that prevented an additional six billion dollars in cuts, ordered under sequestration, from taking effect.

“It reduces a shortfall at least in the operations budget,” the secretary told reporters at a Pentagon news conference. “We came out better than we went in under the sequester, where it looks like our number is \$41 billion (in cuts) now versus the \$46 billion.”

Despite a Congressional reprieve, Hagel said the Pentagon is still going to be short at least \$22 billion for operations and maintenance, “and that means we are going to have to prioritize and make some cuts and do what we’ve got to do,” including making sharp reductions in base operating support and training for non-deployed units.

More critical in the long run, he said, is how budget cuts will affect readiness and the department’s overall mission.

Because of that concern, he said he has directed Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff, to conduct an intensive department-wide review of U.S. strategic interests, including how to protect the nation with fewer resources.

“How do we prioritize the threats and then the capabilities required to deal with threats?” Hagel said. “There will be some significant changes; there’s no way around it.”

Dempsey said the department has already exhausted 80 percent of its operating funds halfway through the fiscal year and characterized the current budget situation as “not the deepest, but the steepest decline in our budget ever,” and warned it will affect military readiness into the future.

“We will have to trade at some level and to some degree our future readiness for current operations,” the chairman said, calling on elected leaders to give the Pentagon the budget flexibility it needs to carry out institutional reforms.

“We can’t afford excess equipment (or) facilities,” Dempsey said. “We have to reform how we buy weapons and services. We have to reduce redundancy. And we’ve got to change, at some level, our compensation structure.”

IMCOM team links Soldiers to new careers

U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
News Release

SAN ANTONIO — Let’s face it, major life transitions are never easy, but taking off the Army combat uniform and looking for a civilian career is particularly challenging.

In an effort to help transitioning Soldiers, the U.S. Army Installation Management Command established a new headquarters team with a focus on bringing departing Soldiers and prospective employers together.

The G3 Integration/Synchronization Team (G3 I/ST), established in December 2012, operates under the IMCOM Headquarters G3 Operations Directorate and serves as a liaison between potential employers and the transition service managers who directly help Soldiers at installations around the world as part of the Army Career and Alumni Program.

“The G3 I/ST is the conduit for all employers who have jobs available for hiring Soldiers,” said Mitchell Lee, G3 transition coordinator, IMCOM. “They coordinate the flow of information and communication to Soldiers through the existing transition programs at the garrisons.”

The team is developing a single centralized database that identifies companies with jobs available.

“Our team will bring together corporate America and our finest Soldiers as they move from military to civilian life,” said Lee. “I anticipate a 20 percent increase in effectiveness this year with connecting Soldiers to jobs.”

Currently, the Army projects nearly 106,000 Soldiers will be leaving the Army in the next five years.

The goal of the program is to help Soldiers leaving the Army transfer to meaningful, lifelong careers and professions.

“A key component of this will be building a foundation for a long-term, value-added relationship between the civilian business community and IMCOM,” Lee said.

Another benefit of the program will be the reduction in unemployment compensation payments. During the past two fiscal years, the Army paid unemployment compensation of \$515 million in FY 2011 and \$502 million in FY 2012.

“We want to make a difference in reducing unemployment compensation payments in fiscal year 2013,” said Lee. “Our team has been challenged to reach out to everyone to innovatively discover ways to successfully lower unemployment costs.”

Recently, IMCOM published a standard operating procedure document and requested information about existing processes at Army installations in an effort to standardize efforts across all installations.

The requested information will be used to begin analysis to see where the Army can better facilitate transitioning Soldiers.

Meanwhile, a transition outreach office was created by the Adjutant General Director, Army Human Resources Command, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1 to support the Veteran Opportunity to Work Act of 2011. The office is a one-stop shop designed to provide outreach fusion for transitioning Soldiers.

Finally, the Army will use a centralized Department of Defense database to allow transitioning Soldiers to load a resume once and then search for any job available in any state.

“This broadens the transitioning Soldiers’ awareness of future job opportunities and dramatically increases their potential for success,” said Lee.



1st Sgt. Patricia Van Drunen (left), first sergeant, 143rd Dental Company, who is also a trained military dental hygienist, examines the teeth of a 9th Mission Support Command American Samoa-based Reserve Soldier during a dental care mission at the Pele U.S. Army Reserve Center, March 22.

9th MSC aids in dental care

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PAGO PAGO, American Samoa — Hawaii-based Soldiers of the 9th Mission Support Command traveled thousands of miles to the remote island of American Samoa to assist in providing invaluable dental care to more than 250 American Samoa-based Reserve Soldiers at the Pele U.S. Army Reserve Center, here, March 22-27.

Also participating in the event were Soldiers of the 143rd Dental Company, based in Salt Lake City, and civilians with Logistics Health International, also known as LHI.

Through collaboration of the Soldiers and civilians providing the dental care, the local Reservists were provided with cleanings, examinations and treatments, to include fillings, root canals and extractions — services that are not as readily available, here, because of geographic location.

“The level and availability of this type of treatment is not a viable option for our Soldiers, and it’s great to see how the 9th MSC and the Army Reserve supports us out here,” said Capt. Charles Scheck, commander, Company B, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment.

“This provides one less training distraction, so we can focus on our mission,” Scheck added.

In total, the team spent nearly two weeks in American Samoa to prepare for and execute the

mission, as well as to tear down and reset the site. However, the team felt they could’ve used more time.

“The main frustration we have is that we can’t do everything we need to in such a small amount of time and for such appreciative people,” said Col. David Julian, commander, 143rd Dental Co.

“But, even in the time we’ve spent, everything we’ve done has been a great benefit and has improved the health of the Soldiers substantially,” Julian added.

This year is the third the 9th MSC has sent teams of Soldiers to provide dental care to the American Samoa-based Reservists, having treated more than 700 people to date.

In order to provide more comprehensive treatment, the 9th MSC asked the LHI team to participate this year, as well.

“The teamwork between the Soldiers and civilians has been amazing. Each group has been able to cross-train and pick up skills from one another they may have not acquired otherwise,” said Sgt. 1st Class Craig Martin, senior medical liaison noncommissioned officer in charge, U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support Group-Pacific, and NCOIC of the event.

“This has been an incredible opportunity for our dental team to practice and refine their skills while helping other Soldiers,” added Julian.

“That’s really the whole purpose of our mission, to benefit these Soldiers, and we saw a lot of smiles when we finished.”

Employers receive Patriot Award

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PAGO PAGO, American Samoa — The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and the 9th Mission Support Command, based in Honolulu, honored 24 American Samoa-based employers in a special ceremony at the Pele U.S. Army Reserve Center, here, Saturday.

Supervisors and managers from companies located throughout American Samoa received the Patriot Award for their outstanding support to their Warrior Citizen



American Samoa Gov. Lolo Matalasi Moliga signs a statement of understanding as a commitment of his support for the U.S. Army Reserve and the ESGR during a special ceremony held at the Pele U.S. Army Reserve Center, Saturday.

employees and the U.S. Army Reserve.

“We understand that it is not easy to have Reserve Soldiers as employees when they could be called up at a moment’s notice,” said Bob Borek, chair for the ESGR in Hawaii. “The Patriot Award is a great way for the Reserve and Guard components to not only show appreciation to employers, but to honor them for the sacrifices they have to make when hiring Warrior citizens.”

The 9th MSC Soldiers were encouraged to nominate their employers through the ESGR website. In total, 37 American Samoa-based employers were nominated and

given a certificate of appreciation bearing an embossed Department of Defense seal, as well as a lapel pin to show their continued support.

“This is the first time we’ve been able to come to American Samoa to meet with the employers of the Soldiers based here, and the support we’ve received from this community is truly overwhelming,” said Col. John Ellis, deputy commander, 9th MSC.

In addition to meeting with the employers, Borek, along with 9th MSC leaders, met with the governor of American Samoa to gain his support of the Army Reserve and the ESGR.

“In our meeting, the governor co-signed a statement of support with the Secretary of Defense and the ESGR, expressing his commitment to support the more than 300 American Samoa Army Reserve Soldiers,” said Borek. “We appreciate the commitment of the government of American Samoa to work with the ESGR to ensure members of the Army Reserve are respected in the workplace and welcomed upon their return from duty.”

The ESGR’s primary mission is to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee’s military obligation.

However, the organization’s commitment to the Guard and Reserve extends far beyond the legal rights of service members. The ESGR has also developed a new nationwide program to assist Soldiers in finding employment.

Known as Hero 2 Hired, the online program gives Soldiers everything they need to find employment — from hundreds of job listings in their respective area, to live and virtual hiring events and social networking with potential employers.

Borek explained that the organization is actively reaching out to employers in Hawaii that have signed a statement of support to help Soldiers and dependents find jobs to match their skill and geographical requirements.

“Another one of the unique features of the H2H program is after a Soldier signs up online, our employment training specialist will contact the Soldier to personally help with operating the system, as well as resume building and interview preparation,” Borek added.

Online Resources

Soldiers can nominate their employer or find additional information on the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve by visiting www.esgr.mil.
Soldiers interested in Hero 2 Hired can download the free app on their mobile devices or sign up at www.H2H.jobs.

District: Corps assists WTUs

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“His military and civilian experiences in construction had an immediate impact on improving the contractor’s quality control and safety programs,” Carpenter added. “His efforts have contributed to ensuring the Army benefits from the highest quality facility.”

These working relationships vary in length, based on the availability of service members and how long they are assigned to the wounded warriors program. Typically, the District receives the opportunity to work with these service members for up to six months.

“It’s been a great learning experience for me, working alongside the Corps’ engineers, as they have helped me to understand the role of a QA (quality assurance representative),” Balisican said, in a recent email to the resident office leadership.

“The transition from contractor to QA has been slightly challenging for me, since, for the majority of my life, I’ve swung a hammer or worked with my hands,” Balisican continued. “Now, I’m reading blueprints, doing computer work using the Resident Management System (software) and walking a project site as it progresses. It’s a great job, and I enjoy working with an excellent staff.”

(Editor’s note: Mun is chief of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office for USACE-HD.)

How to get involved

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District is committed to partnering with local programs that assist with the reintegration of wounded warriors and growing the program.
The Corps invites members of the team to share this opportunity with others in the community.
Interested warriors may contact Phillip Mun at the District’s Equal Employment Opportunity Office, 835-4011.

Warrior Transition Units

The Army established Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) at major military treatment facilities located around the world to provide personal support to wounded Soldiers who require at least six months of rehabilitative care and complex medical management.
A WTU closely resembles a “line” Army unit, with a professional cadre and integrated Army processes that build on the Army’s strength of unit cohesion and teamwork so that wounded Soldiers can focus on healing to transition back to the Army or to civilian status.
Schofield Barracks currently has approximately 180 Soldiers assigned to its Warrior Transition Brigade.
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District is currently managing the construction of a new \$59.085 million Warriors in Transition barracks and complex at Schofield Barracks.
The new 120-Soldier capacity barracks and complex, which includes a Soldier Family Assistance Center, are being built on the former parking area adjacent to the post health clinic. They are scheduled for completion in October 2013.



Col. Frank Tate (right), commander, 25th CAB, 25th ID, presents Sgt. 1st Class Walter Flinn, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th ID, an American flag as a symbol of Flinn's dedicated service to his country during a retirement ceremony, March 19.

Retirees look back on years of dedicated Army service

Story and photo by
SGT. DANIEL SCHROEDER
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25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Nineteen officers and noncommissioned officers of the 25th Infantry Division and their family members were commemorated for their service to the Army during a retirement ceremony, here, March 19.

Retirees received a retirement award, a letter of appreciation signed by President Barack Obama and a retirement certificate and lapel pin to acknowledge and honor their service.

Also, retirees' families were presented Hawaiian lei and certificates of appreciation in recognition for their dedication and support to their service member.

"The ceremony was a great way to finish my military career," said Master Sgt. Jorge Ortiz, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID, who served 20 years in the Army.

"The Army has been good to me during my time," Ortiz said. "It was the best decision I made. I would do it all again."

During the ceremony, some of the retirees shared

their favorite memories of their distinguished careers.

"I was first eligible in 2001 to retire," recalled Chief Warrant Officer 4 Michael LaGrave, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th ID. "When 9/11 happened, there was no question I would continue to serve. I wanted to give back to the Army by mentoring and helping train junior aviators."

Some retirees, such as LaGrave, will look to new careers following their military service.

"I have a job as a helicopter tour pilot lined up after I retire," LaGrave said. "I will stay open to anything that may happen, because you never know what the future holds."

After the ceremony, the retirees conversed with co-workers and colleagues about their time in the Army.

"During my 20-year career, I have deployed several times — jumped out of airplanes, hung below helicopters and paddled down rivers," Ortiz recalled.

"Being in the Army has provided me with so many opportunities, physically, mentally and spiritually," Ortiz added.

Each officer and NCO departed the ceremony with 20 or more years of service, with their heads held high.

Garrison honors exemplary employees

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Fifty-three stellar employees received recognition for their performance and the impacts they have made in U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii during an Employee Recognition Program breakfast at the Nehe-lani, here, Tuesday.

In the company of their co-workers and senior leaders, the employees received praise from Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, for making a difference.

"You've served above and beyond," Whitney said to the honorees. "Hats off to each and every one of you."

Vanessa Batts, with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, received an Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. From February 2011 to December 2012, Batts was instrumental in the growth of Outdoor Recreation during Iraq and Afghanistan deployments and redeployments. Her leadership and managerial style tremendously supported Soldiers and their families in Hawaii.

Other honors included Group Awards for the Natural Resource Section and the High Voltage Shop of the Utilities Branch, both within the Directorate of Public Works.

Kapua Kawelo and Michelle Mansker received honors for their management of endemic species of Hawaii, which garnered award recognition at both the Department of the Army and Defense levels.

Garrison Hawaii is now a leader in Natural Resource management.

The eight High Voltage Shop specialists received honors for completing 600 job orders and quick responses to 85 scheduled and unscheduled power outages.

Rounding out the Group Awards, DFMWR's Exceptional Family Member Program, within Army Community Service, recognized seven employees for implementing cost savings and streamlined services.

The employees also expanded support services and increased customer satisfaction by 20 percent.

Before the ERP wrapped up, 23 personnel received certificates of appreciation, and 13 employees received years of service awards that netted "dedication and diligent service" to the federal government.

"We need to continually recognize top-notch employees like these," said Jocelyn Chang-Chuck, chief, Workforce Development Division, Directorate of Human Resources. "We need to show them we appreciate them; they are valuable to us."

Jim Duttweiler, deputy garrison commander, USAG-HI, also recognized the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office; the Directorate of Installation Safety; the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; and the Directorate of Emergency Services for contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign.



Vanessa Batts of DFMWR accepts her Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service. (Photo by Aiko Brum, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs)



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today
Children’s Waiting Room Closure — The last day for child care at the Warrior Ohana Medical Home, located in Kalaeloa, is March 29, as its Children’s Waiting Room will be closing April 1 due to financial issues.

The Armed Services YMCA operates two other waiting rooms at Tripler Army Medical Center and U.S. Army Health Clinic-Schofield Barracks, which will both remain open.

30 / Saturday
Sergeant Road Closure — Sergeant Road in front of the Pharmacy, Bldg. 695, Schofield Barracks, will be closed March 30 and April 6. Traffic will be detoured using the Exchange parking lot.

Also, one-way traffic will be in the westbound lane (toward the Exchange) fronting the Pharmacy, Sunday-Friday, through April 9. Eastbound traffic (toward the Commissary) will be detoured through the Exchange parking lot.

Access to the Pharmacy will be maintained throughout the project. Allow extra time when traveling in this area, and drive with extra caution.

Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficcalendar.htm for the latest Traffic Alerts.

1 / Monday
Prevention Month — April is National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable or something doesn’t feel right,

leave and get to a safe place, immediately. Know how and where to get help.

Sexual assault is a crime. Report incidents of sexual assault to 624-SAFE (7233).

SHARP Fun Run/Walk — The 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, conducts a Sexual Harassment/Assault Prevention Fun Run/Walk, 6:30-7:30 a.m., April 1, at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Field.

The run/walk is open to the community and is intended to raise awareness of sexual assault, rape and sexual violence during April.

Drive with extra caution and allow extra time when traveling in this area. Call 438-5673.

Lyman Road Closures — The Maili-Motor Pool Parking Lot will be closed, April 1-30, due to sewer upgrades and repairs to the Central Wash Facility on Schofield Barracks.

Menoher Road Parking Lot Closure — Portions of the parking lot along Menoher Road, between Montague Street and Capron Avenue, will be partially closed, April 1-May 7, for installation of new underground utilities, subject to weather delays.

Half of the parking lot will remain open, with traffic restricted to one direction. Call 655-4938.

2 / Tuesday
Induction Ceremony — The Sgt. Audie Murphy Club holds its Hawaii Induction Ceremony, 3 p.m., April 2, at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4827.

3 / Wednesday
Gas Pumps Closure — The Schofield Car Care Center gas pumps will be closed, April 3-10, in order to install new gas pumps. The retail store will be open 5 a.m.-10 p.m.

Kole Kole Express will be open 24 hours, selling both gas and retail merchandise.



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — More than 400 Tropic Lightning riders participated in a three-hour Motorcycle Safety Check Ride, March 21, that started from the parking lot of the 25th Infantry Division headquarters, here, and traveled out to Diamond Head Crater Park and back. The purpose of the ride was to allow Soldiers to see some of the historical sites of the island while learning how to ride safely in groups on the highway. (Photos courtesy 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs)



Staff Sgt. Robert Etheridge, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th ID, prepares for the Motorcycle Safety Check Ride, March 21.



1st Lt. Whitney Cumber, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th ID, walks her bike to the assembly area in preparation for the ride.

‘Super Bowl’ of Hula



(Photo has been altered from its original form; elements have been enhanced.)



Merrie Monarch Festival celebrates 50 years

The annual Big Island hula competition spotlights Hawaiian cultural history

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Native Hawaiians explain that hula is not simply a dance or a recreation, but a way of life.

This fact is never more visible than during the Merrie Monarch Festival, when Hawaiians across the islands and the world gather to watch the world’s most prestigious hula competition.

The 50th Merrie Monarch Festival begins March 31 in Hilo on Hawai‘i Island.

Hālau, or hula schools, spend months preparing for the competition each year.



HILO, Hawai‘i — Various hula halau perform in the 2012 Merrie Monarch Festival, held at the Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium, here. This year’s competition celebrates its 50th anniversary March 31-April 6. (Photos courtesy Merrie Monarch Festival)

music.

Kalākaua committed much of his tenure as King to restoring and perpetuating cultural traditions; he strongly encouraged his Hawaiian people to take pride in their native culture.

When the festival was created in 1963, it was named after Kalākaua as a way to honor his critical contributions to Hawaiian music and dance.

Preparations consist of extensive training and practices, ceremonial rituals and spiritual cleansing, gathering native plants and other traditional materials, creation of costumes and hula implements.

Every hālau is comprised of numerous male or female dancers, many of whom have spent their lives growing up in hālau. For many dancers, competing in Merrie Monarch is a lifelong

dream.

Many Hawaiian parents start their children in hula at a young age.

“The teaching of hula is a revered and sacred tradition in the Hawaiian community,” said Hawaiian musician Matt Sproat.

This year’s competition promises to be a particularly extraordinary event. The first night of performance, called the hō‘ike, serves as an exhibition night and will feature a “who’s who” of hula superstars. Many past winners, including members from the first winning hālau in 1963, will take to the stage.

Fans are particularly excited to see the hālau Nā Kamalei return to the Merrie Monarch stage. Led by musician and Kumu Hula Robert Cazimero, the performance by the male hālau promises to be a highlight of the festival.

The broadcast coverage begins April 3 and will feature the hō‘ike. During each night of the festival, viewing parties will be held across the state as friends and family gather to watch the performances.

The competition itself begins April 4 with the Miss Aloha Hula competition. The title of Miss Aloha Hula is one of the most prestigious honors in Hawai‘i, as current Miss Aloha Hula Lilinoe Sterling attests.

“This year, as Miss Aloha Hula has been a real gift for me, to be able to do something that I love ... represents an incredible hula family, hula lineage and essentially a people,” said Sterling. “It has been one of the biggest honors of my life, and I’ve had such an amazing time doing it.”

Sterling explained about her lifetime of training.

“Hula, for me, has been a constant. It’s been one of my greatest teachers, provided me the space to be vulnerable, to surrender myself to poetry, strength, “ike [knowledge],” Sterling explained.

“It is an entity of power and grace that I feel honored to be apart of,” she said

The last two nights feature the hālau competition and consist of the kahiko, or traditional hula performances.

“It’s always an honor to be a part of the festival, but this year has special meaning because it’s the 50th anniversary,” said Sproat, who will be performing music at the festival. “It’s a wonderful reminder of how far the Hawaiian community has come in perpetuating and advancing our culture.”



“Hula is the language of the heart; therefore, the heartbeat of the Hawaiian people.”

— King David Kalākaua

The festival is named after King David Kalākaua, who was fondly referred to as “The Merrie Monarch” during his reign over the Hawaiian Kingdom.

He earned the title from his subjects after becoming a beloved patron of Hawaiian traditional culture and arts, particularly dance and

50th Festival

This weeklong festival features an internationally acclaimed hula competition, a crafts fair, an art show, hula shows and a grand parade through Hilo town.

Catch the hula competition at Edith Kanaka‘ole Stadium, April 4-6, in Hilo, Hawai‘i, via KFVE (Channel 5, 1005HD Oceanic Cable), beginning at 6 p.m.

Performances can also be viewed starting April 3 at www.k5thometeam.com/category/260043/the-2013-merrie-monarch-festival-on-kfve.

IMCOM celebrates its youngest family members’ resiliency

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U.S. Army Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO — April has marked the Month of the Military Child as a time to focus national attention on the youngest members of the military community since 1986.

This year’s theme, “Proud, Ready & Resilient,” highlights military children’s unique lifestyle and their ability to succeed despite frequent relocations, reintegration, deployments, loss and/or care for a wounded parent.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command serves Soldiers and families around the globe.

Charged with the care of approximately 53,000 children in child development centers and 45,216 youth in school-age services programs worldwide, IMCOM recognizes the resiliency of the Army community’s youngest members by putting a spotlight on these ex-

traordinary individuals throughout the month of April.

“IMCOM is committed to ensuring families continuously receive a combination of programs and resources at appropriate times and venues that provide nurturing, resilient environments where families thrive,” said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commanding general.

Around installations across the Army, garrison leaders will celebrate children’s contributions and recognize their sacrifices through teen lock-ins, youth bike rodeos, children’s book fairs, parades and other events.

“The Month of the Military Child affirms the Army’s commitment to military children,” said Ferriter. “For IMCOM, that means recognizing their critical role and continuing to offer the best possible education, child care and youth services commensurate with their families’ service and sacrifice.

“People are at the heart of what we do,” he continued, “and during the Month of the Military Child, I hope military communities ev-

erywhere will join IMCOM in recognizing the accomplishments of our amazing young people.”

Month of the Military Child

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii events feature special MOMC activities for enrolled families, including “Read to Me,” luau, barbecues, mini carnivals, teen lock-ins and book fairs.

Army Community Service is partnering with child development centers to conduct “Stress Management for Preschoolers and Toddlers.”

Other major installation activities include these:

•March 30, Family Fun Fest and Earth Day 2013: Food, games, rides and inflatables, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Weyand Field, Schofield

Barracks. Call 655-0115.

•April 2, PT in the Park, Schofield: Children are invited by Child, Youth and School Services to join their parents, along with Mickey Mouse and friends, 6:30-7:30 a.m., Bennett Youth Center, Schofield Barracks. A free continental breakfast follows a 30-minute aerobic routine. Call 655-6465.

•April 30, PT in the Park, Fort Shafter: Mickey Mouse and friends join Soldiers and children, 6:30-7:30 a.m., April 30, Physical Fitness Center. Call 836-1923.

For more on MOMC, visit www.armymwr.com/ and www.himwr.com/.



Briefs

Today

Softball Registration — Sign up now through entry deadline of April 19 for Army Hawaii men’s and women’s intramural softball at Takata Field (FS) and Stoneman Complex (SB). League runs May 6-Aug. 30. Call 655-0856 for applications information.

29 / Friday

Easter Egg Painting — Paint Easter eggs, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., SB Arts and Crafts Center. Call 655-4202.

Golf Scramble — Celebrate pay day the golf way. Play in the US-ARPAC Pay Day scramble every last Friday of the month at FS Nagorski Golf Course. Call 438-9587 for information and registration or email Donald.k.birdseye.civ@mail.mil.

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet

— Enjoy delicious local style food every last Friday of the month at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and at FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974).

March Madness — Enjoy delicious food and drinks while rooting for your team during the 2013 March Madness Tournament, through April 8, at Kolekole Bar & Grill, SB.

30 / Saturday

Fun Fest and Earth Day 2013 — The annual Weyand Field event begins at 8:30 a.m. The Leisure and Travel Services Travel Fair will feature vendors and an Enchanted Character Breakfast.

Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.; purchase tickets at LTS or call 655-9971. Fun Fest activities include entertainment, games, rides, inflatables

community calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Traffic Detours — Lyman Road (between Humphreys and Hewitt roads) will be closed 7 p.m.-4:30 a.m. through April 2 during road resurfacing. Call 656-3295

30 / Saturday

Easter Festival — Enjoy free keiki rides, make and take crafts, photo opps with the Easter bunny and more, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., March 30, at Wahiawa Shopping Center/Town Center.
A free Easter egg hunt for children ages 3-9 begins at 11 a.m. Call 221-2774 or visit www.wahiawashoppingcenter.com.

Spring has Sprung — Mililani Town Shopping Center hosts activities, including a petting zoo, crafts, games and photos with the Easter bunny for a fee. Visit www.mililanishoppingcenter.com.

April

2 / Tuesday

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club — A Hawaii Induction Ceremony will be held 3 p.m., April 2, at Sgt. Smith Theater, SB.

3 / Wednesday

Schofield Gas Pumps — Schofield Car Care Center gas pumps will close during installation of new gas pumps, April 3-10. The retail store will be open 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
Kole Kole Express will be a 24-hour operation selling both gas and retail merchandise during the Car

COMMUNITY DAY TRYOUT



WAIALUA — Families, like the one seen above, can participate in the Odyssey High Rope Challenges, along with activities such as swimming, archery and Camp Site tours at the free YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman Community Day event, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, April 6. (Photo courtesy YMCA of Honolulu)

and pictures with the Easter bunny. Call 655-0115.

31 / Sunday

Easter Brunch — Make your reservations early for this annual tradition. Hourly seatings available from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., March 31, at the SB Nehelani (655-4466) and FS Hale Ikena (438-1974). Military discount for brunch; 10 percent for all active duty and 20 percent for E1-E5.

April

1 / Monday

Outdoor Recreation Scuba — Dive shop service will begin at Outdoor Recreation Center, starting Monday, April 1, including retail, rentals, classes and charters. Call 655-0143.

2 / Tuesday

SB PT in the Park — This annual event begins at 6:30 a.m., April 2, at the Bennett Youth Center. Children

complete aerobics alongside their parents and characters, and all enjoy a continental breakfast afterwards. Call 655-6465.

3 / Wednesday

New Drawing Classes — Learn basic cartoon drawing at the SB Arts and Crafts Center with creativity and confidence by taking the mystery out of drawings. Wednesday sessions follow:
•Adult class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$35.
•Teens class, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., \$25.
All supplies included; preregistration required. Call 655-4202.

6 / Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies can partake in a free golf lesson from PGA professionals in a 30-minute lesson at Leilehua Golf Course. By appointment only, call 655-4653.

12 / Friday

SB Right Arm Night — Get in the baseball spirit, beginning at 4 p.m., and enjoy drink specials and a

pupu buffet. Spouses and DOD civilians welcome. This event is for adults. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Tickets are on sale at the Hale Ikena. Call 438-1974.

Ongoing

Water Exercise and Private Swim Lessons — This new service features lessons and classes at both Tripler (433-5257) and Helemano (653-0716) pools.

DIY Auto Repair — SB (655-9368) and FS (438-9402) Auto Skills centers offer bay rentals; a flat bay is \$4 per hour and a lift bay is \$5 per hour.

New App — Zinio Digital Magazines, the world’s largest newsstand, offers an app for magazine lovers, with digital magazines for iPad,

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Center gas pump renovation. Contact Floyd Wynn at 423-8632/343-5660.

Salute to Youth Parade — The event, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will have 1,200 marchers, 15 vehicles, 5 floats, 10 bands and begin at Fort DeRussy and end at Kapiolani Park. Visit www.hawaiiinvitational.com/.

6 / Saturday

Camp Erdman Free — Enjoy a fun-filled day of amazing activities with family and friends, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., April 6, at YMCA Camp Erdman on the beautiful North Shore. Free activities include the Alpine Tower and High Ropes Odyssey challenges, archery, swimming, guided tours of camp grounds and cabins, and more. Admission is free.
Call 637-4615 or email www.CampErdman@ymcahonolulu.org.

Scottish Festival — This 32nd annual festival and highland games will be held April 6-7 at Kapiolani Park. The festival will include music, dancing, children’s activities and a clan tent where people can trace their genealogy. Free admission. Call 732-6861.

8 / Monday

AMR Lane Closure — Portions of Aliamanu Drive between Okamura Road and west of Ama Drive, and the intersection of Skyview Loop and Bunker Access Road, will be partially closed, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., April 8-26, for installation of a new eight-inch waterline.

There will be one-way traffic at all times, and two-way traffic during non-work hours.
The project schedule is subject to change

Holy Week, Easter Services

The U.S. Army Hawaii community is invited to attend various Easter celebrations now through April 7. The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Religious Support Office offers services in north and south Oahu areas.

March 29
12 noon, MPC Lanai, Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross (*Catholic*)
3 p.m., TAMC, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
3 p.m., AMR, Good Friday Service (*Catholic*)
3 p.m., MPC, Good Friday Service (*Catholic*)
6 p.m., AMR, Good Friday Service (*Protestant & Gospel*)
6 p.m., MPC, Good Friday Service (*Gospel*)

March 29-31
AMR, Divine Mercy Novena (*Catholic*)

March 30
11:30 a.m., MPC Lanai, Holy Saturday Easter Blessing of Food (*Catholic*)
7 p.m., MPC, Easter Vigil Mass (*Catholic*)
7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass (*Catholic*)

March 31
6:30 a.m., USS Missouri, Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m., MPC, Easter Sunrise Service (*Protestant*)
8:30 a.m., AMR, Easter Sunday Mass (*Catholic*)
9 a.m., TAMC, Easter Sunday Service (*Protestant*)
10:30 a.m., MPC, Easter Sunday Mass (*Catholic*)
11 a.m., TAMC, Easter Sunday Mass (*Catholic*)

April 7
3 p.m., WAAF, Divine Mercy Devotion (*Catholic*)

For more information, call the Religious Support Office at 655-8731.

Legend
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

pending weather delays. Project manager is Tammy Luke, 835-4078.

Ongoing

Bishop Exhibit — Japanese-American World War II Nisei Soldiers and the Congressional Gold

Medal Exhibit honoring the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service, are on display now through April 14 at Bishop Museum. Call 848-4190 for more details.

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worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 8:45 a.m. at MPC
 - 9 a.m., at FD, WAAF and TAMC chapels
- Lutheran/Episcopalian
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
- Contemporary Service
 - 11 a.m. at Soldiers Chapel

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under realtime movie listing.



A Good Day to Die Hard

(R)
Fri., March 29, 6 p.m.
Sat. March 30, 6 p.m.
Wed., April 3, 6 p.m.



Safe Haven

(PG-13)
Sat., March 30, 2 p.m.
Thurs, April 4, 6 p.m.

Jack the Giant Slayer

(PG-13)
Sun., March 31, 2 p.m.

No shows on Monday or Tuesday.

Calendar abbreviations

- 8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
- 25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
- ACS: Army Community Service
- AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
- AFTB: Army Family Team Building
- AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

- ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
- BCT: Brigade Combat Team
- BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
- Co.: Company
- CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
- EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
- FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

- Recreation
- FRG: Family Readiness Group
- FS: Fort Shafter
- HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
- IPC: Island Palm Communities
- PFC: Physical Fitness Center
- SB: Schofield Barracks

- SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
- USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
- USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

EFMP stages rallies to ‘End the R-Word’

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Cars honked in support as they passed cheering volunteers on Trimble Road, waving signs that read “Rally for Respect” and “End the R-Word.”

It was an encouraging start to the “R-Word: Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign rally, hosted by Army Community Service’s Exceptional Family Member Program.

The R-Word campaign is a national movement to eliminate the derogatory use of the word retard and retarded.

March 20, EFMP hosted its inaugural R-Word rally on Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks, in partnership with Special Olympics Hawaii, or SOHI.

The partnership between SOHI and ACS’s EFMP is fitting. Special Olympics is founded on the belief that people with intellectual disabilities can learn, enjoy and benefit from participation in individual and team sports.

EFMP supports and assists military families who have family members with special needs by connecting them to resources in the community, providing workshops and support groups, and by coordinating activities in which individuals with special needs can feel comfortable to participate.

By conducting an R-Word rally, EFMP hopes to educate the community on how using the R-Word in a derogatory manner can be dehumanizing to individuals with special needs.

“On behalf of the families we serve,” said Leonard Webster, EFMP coordinator, “we wanted to create an awareness of how the use of the R-Word minimizes the real challenges some of our military families face.”

While the focus of the campaign is to eliminate the casual and pejorative use of the R-word, its broader purpose is to encourage acceptance and respect.



Hawaii comedian Frank DeLima gives a pointed, but humorous routine on bullying and teasing for USAG-HI Soldiers and family members, March 20. The performance was part of the ACS “R-Word: Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign. (Photo by Stefanie Gardin, USAG-HI Public Affairs)

At the rally, Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, stated the rally was not only just about respecting our exceptional family members, but also about building a community that is inclusive and accepting of all members.

“We are making a conscious decision to change how we think and talk and, therefore, how we act (by participating at the rally and taking the pledge),” said Whitney.

The R-Word rally began with sign waving at both Fort Shafter and

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Drew Ollice (left) and Caleb Castro prepare to add a stripe from an American flag to the flames while Landon Blakeman stands at attention during a flag retirement ceremony at East Range, March 20. The boys are members of Boy Scout Troop 135, based at JBPHH.

Scouts conduct flag retirement

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599th Transportation Surface Brigade Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The first day of spring is a symbolic time of rebirth.

March 20 was the date on which Boy Scout Troop 135 of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam celebrated the last night of its Spring Fling, an annual five-day campout on East Range, here.

This time also meant that the troop would retire the American flags it had gathered throughout the year.

According to the U.S. Code, Title 4, Chapter 1, “The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.”

“People know that we dispose of flags respectfully during a ceremony, so they will contact the scoutmaster or our parents and bring worn flags to us,” said senior patrol leader Drew Ollice, a junior at Radford High School. “I brought about 30 flags to the Spring Fling, just from my neighbors. We always have a lot of flags to retire at the ceremonies.”

The JBPHH troop attracts scouts from all over the island, and it had invited parents and other family members to celebrate the last night of its campout, said scoutmaster John McMillan.

Before the flag retirement ceremony, the troop conducted skits, and Scouts received awards for their accomplishments during the week in first aid, orienteering and more.

Ollice said that three sergeants from the 196th Infantry Brigade helped the Scouts by running the orienteering course.

“First, they gave us a class, and then, they conducted a course. We had three-and-a-half hours to complete it,” Ollice said.

The actual flag retirement is a solemn ceremony for the troop.

The narrator, Bobby Bueche, a junior at the Baptist Academy, and head of the flag retirement detail, first



Kai Gleisner, a member of Boy Scout Troop 135, based at JBPHH, prepares to add a stripe from an American flag to the flames during a flag retirement ceremony at East Range.

read a brief history and significance of the American flag. Afterwards, the Scouts cut each stripe away from the largest flag that they retired.

The narrator then cited the name of each of the 13 original colonies, in order, beginning with Virginia and ending with Georgia, before two Scouts carried the corresponding stripe over to a waiting campfire and burned each separately.

Once all stripes had been disposed of, the group of Scouts comprising the flag retirement detail carried the blue field to the fire and burned it as a whole. After the first flag, the troop retired four more, smaller flags during the ceremony.

Although the troop still had many more flags to retire, it will do that more privately but with equal respect, said Bueche.

Leilehua High repeats as national ‘cyber’ champions

HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
News Release

WASHINGTON — Five Leilehua High Army JROTC students defeated more than 800 teams to win the top U.S. Army Service Award at CyberPatriot V, the nation’s premier cyber defense competition held March 14-15, here.

The event marked the second straight year the “Mighty Mules” captured the Army Service Division Championship.

Leilehua High School’s Cyber Warriors include students Sharon Thpsenavong, Michal Grajales, David Williams, Seth Allen and Kawi-ka Lavarias.

All 50 states participated in the competition, which challenges students to develop solutions to real-life cyber security situations. Also, Best in Service Awards were presented to top JROTC teams by the Air Force, Navy, Marines, Civil Air Patrol and Naval Sea Cadets.

Through this rigorous competition, the Leilehua Cyber Warriors developed and applied real-world skills critical to strengthening national security. They were led by coach and senior JROTC Army instructor retired Lt. Col. Nick Spiridigliozi; team mentor, retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mike Herr; and Army instructors, retired Master Sgt. Ramon Ramos and retired Master Sgt. Bryan Wyatt.

The Leilehua High team advanced to the national championships after successfully com-



Leilehua’s JROTC CyberPatriot Team is Army JROTC CyberPatriot V Service Champion 2013. From left to right are team mentor, retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Mike Herr; cadet/team captain Sharon Thepsenavong; cadets Michael Grajales, David Williams, Seth Allen and Kawi-ka Lavarias; and Leilehua senior Army instructor/team coach, retired Lt. Col. Nick Spiridigliozi.

pleting three rounds of competition.

“We are extremely proud of our Cyber Warriors and coaches for their hard work and success keeping the top Army Service Award at our school,” said Leilehua H. S. Principal Aloha Coleman.

“Congratulations to Leilehua High’s CyberPatriot team for excelling at this prestigious competition for the second year in a row,” said Hawaii Department of Education Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi. “More importantly,

students are returning home with valuable hands-on experience in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects that will help prepare them for college and careers.”

The Air Force Association CyberPatriot Commissioner announced the launch of Hawaii’s statewide involvement in the CyberPatriot competition on May 2011 at the headquarters of Hawaii technology firm Referentia, which operates the Hawaii Cyber Collaboration Center, created to support military commands, util-

ity partners and mentor Hawaii’s youth.

“You don’t have to be a computer geek to be successful at CyberPatriot; you just need to have the desire to learn as much as possible from the entire CyberPatriot Experience, and to stay motivated and strive to always do your best!” said Spiridigliozi.

Cyber security is a national concern, and the CyberPatriot program is designed to provide students with practical knowledge for post-secondary education and jobs in STEM fields.

“CyberPatriot is playing a role in developing more cyber-savvy citizens in this country, truly engaging students with hands-on learning toward real-world challenges and building America’s technical workforce” said CyberPatriot Commissioner Bernie Skoch. “All of the finalists here have proven to be exceptionally talented students, building a keen understanding of the challenging tasks we have given them. I congratulate them all for being among the top 26 teams in the entire nation.”

CyberPatriot is the national high school cyber defense competition created by the Air Force Association to excite, educate and motivate the next generation of cyber defenders and STEM graduates our nation needs.

Cyberpatriots
For more information, visit www.uscyberpatriot.org.



U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will be hosting numerous events for its second annual Earth Month celebration in April.

What began as a single day has evolved into a monthlong celebration with a wide variety of events for Soldiers and families to enjoy throughout the island of Oahu.

The first event to kickoff this exciting month starts with Fun Fest, a collaboration between the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division and the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation on Saturday, March 30, at Weyand Field.

The event starts at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m., featuring exhibitors, games, environmental learning activities and live entertainment.

Fun Fest and Earth Day 2013
Again, this event is March 30, Weyand Field,

and includes the following events:

- 8:30-9:30 a.m., Enchanted Breakfast. Purchase tickets at the Leisure Travel Office, Schofield Barracks, or call 655-9971.
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Fun Fest. Features food, games, rides, inflatables and entertainment by Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills, or SKIES Unlimited, and Travel Fair.
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Earth Day 2013. Features exhibits from the Environmental Division, Native Hawaiian Liaison Honua Consulting, Aqua Engineering, Waimea Valley Hi’ipaka LLC and Island Palm Communities (IPC).
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring the keiki for pictures with the Easter bunny.

Earth Month
Happenings include the following events:

- April 2, 9, and 16, 12-3 p.m. Dumpster Div-

ing at various locations on post. Help us help you increase diversion of waste from landfills by determining what’s in your dumpster. Contact the DPW for details, 656-3085.

- April 4, 11 and 18, 8-11 a.m. Greening Your Workspace at various offices on post. Call the DPW, 656-3085, to schedule an office greening to help your office be more sustainable.
- April 6, 8-11 a.m. Pearl City “Mauka to Makai” Bike Path Clean-up hosted by the 9th Theater Support Group (TSG) Environmental Division, 438-1600, ext. 3307.
- Volunteers will meet at the Honolulu Police Department Academy on Waipahu Depot Road. Sign-up at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/Environmental.aspx.
- April 6, 11, 19 and 30, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Kahanahaiki, Makua Military Reservation and Makaha Valley, Oahu. Volunteer service trips to clean out invasive weeds along a moderately challenging trail. Hike will include a detour to view Makua Valley and leeward coast.

Volunteer application must be received at Oahu Army Natural Resource Program at least two weeks prior to the event. Minimum age 14. Call 656-7741.

- April 22, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m. Tour Hale Kula Elementary School on Schofield Barracks. Learn about the school’s Sustainable Outdoor Classroom through student-led tours of the working garden, rainwater harvesting system and native plant gardens. Call 656-3086.
- April 24, 1-4 p.m. IPC and DPW Environmental Division team up on Earth Day, April 24, at the Kalakaua Community Center on Schofield Barracks for a fun-filled family event.
- April 27, 8-10:30 a.m. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a beach cleanup. Volunteers will meet at the Pacific Regional Visitor Center (438-2815) at Fort DeRussy near Waiki-ki.
- April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fort Shafter Flats Parade Field’s Earth Day Festival, 438-1600, ext. 3307.

TAMC promotes brain injury services, awareness

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Defense Media Activity

HONOLULU — The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Clinic at Tripler Army Medical Center hosted an open house in honor of Brain Injury Awareness Month, March 21.

A TBI is a blow or jolt to the head that disrupts the function of the brain, which ranges from mild, medium to severe.

“It’s not a well-known problem,” said Dr. Sarah Miyahira, regional director for TBI clinics in the Pacific region. “We’re inviting patients, we’re inviting providers and we’re inviting anybody who’s interested. We want them

encing, what the level of severity might be, whether or not they have a history of other concussions.”

The services offered by the Tripler TBI Clinic include occupational, speech and physical therapy; neurological services; ear, nose and throat consultations; case management; optometry; patient tracking; and patient and family education.

Miyahira wants the Pacific to know, the services offered by her clinic are not confined.

“The services that Tripler offers are not limited to someone coming here,” she explained. “We do a lot of services for American Samoa through tele-health, and we do consultations

“We see a number of motor vehicle accidents, falls, sports injuries, training accidents, things like that,” said Johnson. “We get a variety, and we see all ages and all branches of the military here.”

Another important aspect of TBI awareness is not only to know the various places these injuries can happen, but to ensure you know the signs and symptoms, no matter what the situation or who may have hit their head.

“(Be) aware or (seek) care if you do have an alteration of consciousness ... dazed, confused, getting your bell rung ... any type of injury that would signify a concussion,” Johnson said. “We would like everyone to be seen early, but almost everyone with a mild injury gets better.”

Miyahira stressed some of the symptoms to look for if you’re present in the instance someone does hit their head.

“You want to look for the acute signs in terms of whether or not they black out, in other words, if they lose consciousness,” she explained. “You also want to notice if they do seem stunned and not really aware in those few moments that’s where they are.

“You can ask them who they are, where they are, if they know what’s going on, basically,” she continued. “After a few hours, you want to keep them quiet; you want to keep them from being involved in too much activity, such as brain activity, physical activity. Rest is really important.”

For more details, the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center, or DVBIC, assists DOD and Veterans Affairs in optimizing care of service members and veterans who have sustained a TBI, at home and in a deployed setting, through state-of-the-art clinical care, in-

novative research, care coordination, educational tools and resources.



The Pacific Regional Medical Command's Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program held a Brain Injury Awareness Open House at TAMC, March 21, to help educate beneficiaries on what brain injury services and support are available. (Photos by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Holzworth)

to take a look at some of the demonstrations we’re having by various specialty clinics we have here that treat TBI.”

The clinic at TAMC does more than just treat these injuries; it provides a comprehensive and multifaceted program of treatment if a service or family member experiences a TBI.

“The clinic actually provides not just an evaluation or an assessment to determine a diagnosis,” Miyahira explained. “We have a whole panel of providers in specialty areas that can provide additional services, once we know what the symptoms are that people are experi-

with the other military treatment centers in Japan, Korea and Okinawa, in regards to TBI.

“We also assist other providers, and sometimes we even do a consultation with the patients themselves, in terms of rehabilitation treatment that they don’t have on site there,” Miyahira added.

TBI-related injuries don’t necessarily happen on the battlefield. According to Dr. Gregory Johnson, medical director of the Concussion Clinic, 80 percent happen in places other than combat.



Denby Fukuda Rall (right), chief of the Audiology Clinic, TAMC, assists Sgt. 1st Class David Paz in a general balance test during a Brain Injury Awareness Open House, March 21. Paz is wearing a pair of frenzel glasses, which are used during vestibular bedside testing to illuminate the eyes and suppress fixation.

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Schofield Barracks, and included dance and song performances by students from Wheeler Middle School.

Local celebrity Frank DeLima gave a pointedly humorous routine on bullying and teasing. Also, games and activities for the whole family intrigued participants, including a keiki ID booth by the Directorate of Emergency Services’ Bike Patrol, Human-Animal Bond therapy dogs, a demonstration by Kuwilil Martial Arts and massages by the American Massage Therapy Association.

The 25th Infantry Division Chaplain’s Office was on hand to discuss the developing Special Needs Ministry, and the 25th ID Lightening Jazz Project Band played to a growing crowd of almost 300 participants.

Eddie the Eagle, Captain America, Batman and other superheroes also made appearances to show their support of the campaign.


Whitney was joined on stage by Miss Hawaii Teen USA 2013, Samantha Neyland, who talked about how military youth can appreciate the differences among each other. Together, Whitney and Neyland led participants in the pledge to eliminate the use of the R-Word.

Almost 200 participants signed pledge cards at the rally to eliminate the use of the R-Word.

“That’s 200 more people who now know about this campaign,” said Webster. “Maybe they’ll tell 200 more.”

Resources

For more details about EFMP, call 655-4ACS (4227), and for more information on the national R-Word campaign, visit www.r-word.org.
View activities at www.himwr.com.

**Briefs**

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iPhone, Android, Mac and PC. An Army Hawaii library account is required for access.

Set up a Zinio account via the Army Hawaii Libraries web at <http://dodhawaiiilibraries.org>, select eResources tab, and then Zinio.

Guests without a library account may gain access via AKO, Self-Service, My Library. Call 655-8002.

Brake Rotors and Drums Repair — The SB (655-9368) or FS (438-9402) Auto Skills centers’ specialists can help resurface brake rotors or brake drums.

Brake rotors are resurfaced for \$12 each and brake drums resurfaced for \$10 each.

Whale Watching Cruises — Sign up to see these majestic creatures with Leisure Travel Services and save money. Call 655-9971.

Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) — Would you like to know how to keep your neighborhood safe? Interested in starting an NWP? It’s a simple process that takes initiative and personal responsibility. Email NWP@IPChawaii.com.

BOSS Meetings — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Call 655-1130.

- North meetings, 3 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Tropics Warrior Zone.
- South meetings, 10 a.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, AMR Chapel.

Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers to story time, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Sgt. Yano Library, SB; different theme and story each week. Call 655-4707.



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Tax Center — All Army, Reserve, Guard, family members and retirees are eligible for free tax service assistance. Tax centers are open at SB and FS. Call 655-1040 or visit www.facebook.com/hawaiiarmytaxcenters/ info.

Legal Aid — The SB and FS Legal Assistance offices provide free legal assistance to active duty personnel, family members, retirees, and certain Department of Defense personnel.

The offices provide assistance on issues including, but are not limited to estate planning services (including

wills and advance medical directives), consumer affairs, guardianship, divorce, taxes, landlord-tenant law, military administrative matters and insurance claims.

Additionally, notary services and powers of attorney are available. Visit or contact SB, Bldg. 2037, 655-8607; or FS, Bldg. 330, Rm. 110C, 438-2627

Free College Level Exam — The Schofield Army Education Center offers CLEP and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) every Tuesday, from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., SB Education Center, Bldg. 560, Rm. 214.

Testers must arrive two hours before closing time to provide ample time to complete the tests. Study guides are available at the Learning Resource Center, Rm. 203.